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President in Complete Control

Smoother-Running Foreign Policy Seen as Result of Shifts at State

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The big State Department shakeup puts the firm stamp of John F. Kennedy on that critical branch of government.

It will increase the President's control over State, something he has been trying to do ever since he took office. Yesterday's changes should make for a smoother-running American foreign policy.

A number of things are noteworthy:

• Four months ago the President tried to ease out Under Secretary Chester Bowles but gave up when his plan was "leaked" and Bowles' supporters raised a howl. This time it was done swiftly and silently. Bowles' new job, whatever it turns out to be, very probably will not be one of great influence in policy. The President does like his ability to

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represent the United States abroad, a role he has been taking more and more since last summer's flap.

• The three new appointments to State, Walt W. Rostow, Frederick G. Dutton and Richard N. Goodwin, all are moving over from the White House. All have the President's confidence. Mr. Kennedy originally wanted to name Rostow, probably the best foreign policy idea man in Government today, to the post he now gets, but Secretary of State Dean Rusk had insisted on a man of his choice, George McGhee.

• The new appointments reduce the influence of the professional foreign service officers, a number of whom have displeased the President in the past. One non-foreign service State Department official yesterday called the new men "a new slate of intellectual activists."

• George W. Ball, who now becomes the No. 3 man in State, moving up a notch, won his spot by excellence in both administration and economics. Ball's interests before he entered the Administration centered on Europe whereas Bowles' interests centered in the underdeveloped areas. But it would be reading too much into the switch to say that this means a Washington change of emphasis from one area to the other. European interests, to which less attention was paid here initially, came to the

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